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COMBAT CENTER ORDER 6530.1G

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM

1. Purpose. To promulgate information concerning the Blood Donor Program for units and organizations located aboard the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center.

2. Cancellation. CCO 6530.1F.

3. Background

a. The Combat Center Blood Donor Program is an integral part of the National Blood Program established within the Office of Defense Mobilization. The Community Blood Bank Center (CBBC) in Rancho Mirage, California serves as the official procurement agency within this area, and is under the auspices of the Blood Bank Commission of the California Medical Association.

b. The Office of Defense Mobilization has established priorities for the allocation of whole blood and its derivatives. First priority is given to the allocation of whole blood to the Armed Forces for transfusion purposes. Second priority is given to the allocation of whole blood and blood derivatives for civilian needs. Third priority is to meet immediate needs and to establish a national plasma reserve. Total reserves of plasma and blood derivatives are subject to immediate reallocation by Executive Order of the President in the event of enemy action or other wide scale catastrophe.

c. The CBBC provides blood to military personnel and their family members in this region. Blood is always available for service personnel and their family members through the Blood Bank at the Naval Hospital aboard the Combat Center. Any unit desiring to donate blood to any agency or blood bank other than CBBC must obtain written approval from the Combat Center Blood Program Coordinator.

d. Units desiring to donate blood to particular patients in the civilian community should contact the Community Blood Bank Center Coordinator in Rancho Mirage at (760) 773-4190.

e. The Blood Donor Program Coordinator for the Combat Center is the Executive Officer, Headquarters Battalion.

f. The Assistant Blood Donor Program Coordinator for the Combat Center is the Public Affairs Officer.

4. Action

a. Commanders. Unit commanders will:

(1) Ensure those individuals who are to donate blood have eaten a meal and have had sufficient fluids prior to donating blood.

(2) Adequately screen blood donors prior to selection.

b. Combat Center Blood Donor Program Coordinator. The Combat Center Blood Donor Program Coordinator will:

(1) Assume responsibility for the overall functioning of the program.

(2) Effect liaison with CBBC as required.

(3) Coordinate activities at the collection point, coordinate the scheduling, coordinate collection point site(s), and coordinate publicity for all blood donor drives.

(4) Publish semi-annually a Combat Center Bulletin establishing blood drive dates and responsible units and organizations.

5. Summary of Revision. This Order has been substantially revised and should be read in its entirety.

6. Information

a. Blood Drives. Blood Drives and visits by the Bloodmobile will be published by Combat Center Bulletin and advertised through all available mediums.

b. Donor Eligibility

(1) Seventeen years of age with minimum weight of 110 pounds.

(2) Have not suffered clinical attacks of either malaria or infectious hepatitis.

(3) Have not undergone major surgical procedures during the previous six months, or minor procedures within six weeks or dental procedures in the last 72 hours.

(4) Have not received malarial suppressants during the previous three years. Marines/Navy personnel on overseas deployment during the last three years are usually ineligible to donate blood.

(5) Have not had any body piercing, tattoos or acupuncture in the last 12 months.

(6) Individuals with AIDS and/or symptoms of AIDS or who have tested positive for HIV are ineligible to donate blood.

(7) Absent of homosexual contact and contact with prostitutes.

(8) Be in good health, without symptoms of cold, flu, or other disease. Cannot be taking antibiotics or prescription drugs for infection, blood pressure, hormones, or aspirin. Women taking birth control pills are acceptable donors.

(9) Having recently been administered anthrax vaccinations does not disqualify an individual from donating blood.

(10) Blood Bank personnel or the physician in attendance at the collection point will determine the physical eligibility of prospective donors. Continuous research and type of blood may preclude donors with medical problems not delineated herein from being accepted. Accordingly, three volunteers are generally needed to provide two eligible donors.

7. Reserve Applicability. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.

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